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Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/199 of 20 December 2000, 56/226 of 24 December 2001, 57/253 of 20 December 2002 and 57/270 A and B of 20 December 2002 and 23 June 2003, respectively, and its resolutions 58/218 of 23 December 2003 and 59/227 of 22 December 2004,

Recalling also the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,[1] Agenda 21,[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[3] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[4] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[5] as well as the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development[6] and the 2005 High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[5] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

[6] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

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Reaffirming the commitment to implement Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including the time-bound goals and targets, and the other internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[7] and reaffirmed in the 2005 World Summit Outcome document,[8]

Recalling section II entitled "Development" of the 2005 World Summit Outcome document,

Reaffirming the decisions taken at the eleventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development,

Reaffirming also the continuing need to ensure a balance among economic development, social development and environmental protection as interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars of sustainable development,

Reiterating that the Commission is the high-level body responsible for sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as a forum for consideration of issues related to integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development,

Stressing the need to undertake concrete actions and measures at all levels and to enhance international cooperation, taking into account the principles proclaimed in the Rio Declaration, including, inter alia, common but differentiated responsibilities as set out in principle 7, and that poverty eradication, changing unsustainable patterns of production and consumption with the developed countries' taking the lead, and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development,

Recognizing that good governance within each country and at the international level is essential for sustainable development,

Recognizing also that it is important for developing countries, in their pursuit of achieving sustainable development, to keep the appropriate balance between national policy space and the international disciplines and commitments, bearing in mind the development goals and objectives,

Recognizing further the role played by the private sector and civil society including non-governmental organizations in supporting the efforts of Governments to achieve sustainable development and, in this regard, reiterating the need for enhancing corporate environmental and social responsibility and accountability,

Recalling the decision of the Commission taken at its thirteenth session[9] to devote one day of its review sessions to the review of the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[10] focusing on that

[7] See resolution 55/2.

[8] See resolution 60/1.

[9] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2005, Supplement No. 9* (E/2005/29), chap. I, sect. C, resolution 13/1, para. 7.

[10] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

year's thematic cluster, as well as on any new developments regarding the sustainable development efforts of small island developing States using existing modalities,

Looking forward to the upcoming cycles of the work programme of the Commission as adopted at its eleventh session and their contributions to the further implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities undertaken in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;[11]

2. *Notes* that the Commission on Sustainable Development at its thirteenth session adopted policy decisions on options and practical measures aimed at accelerating progress in implementation in the areas of water, sanitation and human settlements;[12]

3. *Reiterates* that sustainable development is a key element of the overarching framework for United Nations activities, in particular for achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[7] and in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation");[5]

4. *Calls upon* Governments, all relevant international and regional organizations, the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations funds and programmes, the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, the international financial institutions, the Global Environment Facility and other intergovernmental organizations, in accordance with their respective mandates, as well as major groups, to take action to ensure the effective implementation of and follow-up to the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets adopted at the World Summit, and encourages them to report on concrete progress in that regard;

5. *Calls for* the effective implementation of the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets adopted at the World Summit and, to that end, for the fulfilment of the provisions relating to the means of implementation, as contained in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

6. *Encourages* Governments to participate, at the appropriate level, with representatives from the relevant departments and organizations working in the areas of energy, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere and climate change, in the fourteenth session of the Commission;

7. *Recalls* the decision of the Commission at its eleventh session[13] to invite the regional commissions, in collaboration with the secretariat of the Commission, to consider organizing regional implementation meetings in order to contribute to

[11] A/60/261 and Corr.1.

[12] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2005, Supplement No. 9* (E/2005/29), chap. I, sect. C, resolution 13/1.

[13] Ibid., *2003, Supplement No. 9* (E/2003/29), chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution I entitled "Future programme, organization and methods of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development", para. 3 (a); draft resolution I later adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2003/61 of 25 July 2003.

the work of the Commission, and, in this regard, welcomes the activities undertaken by the regional commissions and the secretariat of the Commission to organize the regional implementation meetings in preparation for the fourteenth session of the Commission;

8. *Also recalls* the decision of the Commission at its eleventh session[14] that activities during Commission meetings should provide for the balanced involvement of participants from all regions, as well as for gender balance;

9. *Invites* donor countries to continue to support the participation in the fourteenth session of the Commission of relevant decision makers and experts from the developing countries in the areas of energy, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere and climate change;

10. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission to make the necessary arrangements to ensure the balanced participation of major groups from developed and developing countries in the sessions of the Commission;

11. *Requests* the Secretariat to coordinate the participation of the relevant major groups in the thematic discussions at the fourteenth session of the Commission and their reporting on the fulfilment of their environmental and social corporate accountability and responsibilities in respect of the thematic cluster of issues;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in reporting to the Commission at its fourteenth session on the state of the implementation of Agenda 21,[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21[3] and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, on the basis of appropriate inputs from all levels, to submit thematic reports on each of the three issues contained in the thematic cluster of issues on energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere and climate change;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the review session of the Commission on progress and obstacles in respect of sustainable development in small island developing States including recommendations on how to enhance its implementation;

14. *Encourages* Governments and organizations at all levels, as well as major groups, including the scientific community and educators, to undertake results-oriented initiatives and activities to support the work of the Commission and to promote and facilitate the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

15. *Notes* the convening of the Second International Expert Meeting on the Ten-year Framework of Programmes for Sustainable Consumption and Production in San José, Costa Rica, from 5 to 8 September 2005;[15]

16. *Also notes* the work in inter-agency cooperation undertaken in the follow-up to the World Summit and requests the Secretary-General to report, at its sixty-first session, on action taken by the United Nations system in the thematic areas being addressed by the Commission in its current two-year cycle, with a view

[14] Ibid., para. 2 (j).

[15] Report of the Second International Expert Meeting available from http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/sdissues/consumption/Marrakech/costaricareport.pdf.

to facilitating an in-depth consideration of system-wide inter-agency cooperation and coordination in the relevant thematic areas, in accordance with the mandates agreed upon in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development", and requests the Secretary-General, at that session, to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution.